



**Comhairle Chontae Chill Chainnigh**  
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**Kilkenny County Council**  
County Hall John Street Kilkenny

Creating Sustainable Communities and Places



11<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**TO: AN CATHAOIRLEACH  
& EACH MEMBER OF KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL,**

**RE: ARTS ACT GRANTS 2021**

A Chara,

In approving the 2021 Budget Elected Members have provided an allocation in the amount of €22,000 for the assignment of the Arts Grants in 2020.

This recognises the provisions of the Arts Act 2003 whereby individual local authorities may provide financial assistance for the purposes of:

- Stimulating interest in the Arts
- Promoting knowledge and/ or appreciation of the Arts
- Enhancing standards in the Arts

Kilkenny County Council also supports Residency Programmes annually a cost of €5,400 with the balance in the amount of €16,600 under the Arts Grant Scheme.

The expression "the Arts" means creative or interpretative expression (traditional or contemporary) in whatever form and includes in particular visual arts, theatre, literature, music, film, dance and Multi- disciplinary events.

The Arts Office advertised the 2021 Arts Grants process in December 2020 with a deadline for receipt of applications of 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021. The following represent the categories of applicants to which grant allocations can be awarded:

- Groups and organisations promoting the Arts
- Individual Artists - all art forms - to enable them to pursue their practice, to develop within their chosen discipline and deliver projects.

A total of 15 applications were received to a total value of €14,595 to assist with the assessment of the applications an assessment panel was convened on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021 to assess the grant applications. The assessment panel included:

- Ann Mulrooney, Cultural consultant
- Eamonn Maxwell, Curator and Cultural Consultant
- Mary Butler, Arts Officer was present

I recommend that the grants as outlined under the Arts Act Grant 2020 are approved by the members as circulated.

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**Mary J. Mulholland**  
Director of Services

## KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL ARTS ACT GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS 2020

Organisation Name	Project	Discipline	Amount Sought	Recommendation
David Holohan	A comprehensive retrospective exhibition of the artists work	Visual Arts	€900	€900
Thomastown Creative Arts Festival	Market the Thomastown Creative Arts Festival which promotes knowledge and appreciation of art and art practices	Visual Arts	€1,000	€1,000
Caoimhin Mac Liam	To create a short film about a boy's experience before coming out	Film	€1,000	€1,000
Martha Woodcock	To support towards a first publication of poetry.	Literature	€800	€800
Neil Quigley	To research, develop and compose a piece of music for percussion, automated electronics and live video in consultation with renowned composers/percussionists Sam Scranton and Ryan Packard	Music	€1,040	€1,040
Kate Fahey	To support the development and production of an experimental new body of sculptural work in Kilkenny Limestone.	Visual Arts	€1,354.40	€1,354.40
Niamh Moroney	To contribute to the overall fund to showcase Belgian theatre in Kilkenny City during the Summer of 2021.	Theatre/Drama	€1,000	€1,000
Jenna Raggett	To assist with funding for a Master's Degree in Performance Science at the Royal College of Music London	Music	€1,000	€1,000

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Orlaith Treacy	To curate four workshops to engage the community of Danesfort working with artists Cindy Cummings and Aine O' Hara	Visual Art/Theatre	€1,000	€1,000
Gillian Grattan	To research and develop a play- a one-woman theatre piece about a female serial killer. This bursary would assist me financially in terms of research and development. The research would include talking to the Gardai and medical professionals.	Theatre	€1,300	€1,3000
Amy Dunne	To film a new comedy, Brew, set-in present-day Kilkenny.	Film	€1,000	€1,000
Mycrofilms	To make a new short film entitled Nesting Season.	Film	€1,000	€1,000
KCAT Arts Centre Callan	This collaborative project of 12 visual artists will culminate in a visual comic book on the theme of 'Winter'.	Visual Arts	€800	€800
Historical Harp Society	Scoil na gClairseach- Festival of Early Irish Harp- 25-29 July 2021. COVID-proof Online Festival- 34 interactive events + 9 pre-recorded concerts and talks.	Music	€1000	€1,000
Darren Caffrey	To provide additional support to Leaving Cert students who are considering pursuing art at third level.	Visual Arts	€400	Not recommended
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>			<b>€14,594</b>	<b>€14,194</b>